
SENATE BILL No. 56

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 1-1-15.

Synopsis: Flag protocol for combat deaths. Requires the governor to issue a proclamation ordering the United States and state flags on the state capitol to be flown at half-staff for 24 consecutive hours not more than 30 days after the date of the combat death of an Indiana resident who is a member of the armed forces of the United States or the Indiana National Guard.

Effective: July 1, 2008.

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January 8, 2008, read first time and referred to Committee on Commerce, Public Policy & Interstate Cooperation.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2007 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning general provisions.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. IC 1-1-15 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008]:

Chapter 15. Display of Flags at State Capitol

Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "armed forces of the United States" means:

- (1) the Army;**
- (2) the Navy;**
- (3) the Air Force;**
- (4) the Coast Guard; and**
- (5) the Marine Corps.**

Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "combat death" means the death of a member in an area designated as a combat zone by the President of the United States. The term includes a death that is the result of wounds or other injuries received in action in the combat zone.

Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "member" refers to a member



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of:

- (1) the armed forces of the United States; or
- (2) the National Guard;

who is a resident of Indiana.

Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "National Guard" means:

- (1) the Indiana Army National Guard; or
- (2) the Indiana Air National Guard.

Sec. 5. As used in this chapter, "state flag" refers to a state flag flown on the state capitol.

Sec. 6. As used in this chapter, "United States flag" refers to a United States flag flown on the state capitol.

Sec. 7. Not more than thirty (30) days after:

- (1) receiving notice of and confirming through the United States Department of Defense a member's combat death; and
- (2) verifying that the member's survivors have received notice of the member's combat death;

the governor shall issue a proclamation ordering the United States flag and the state flag to be flown at half-staff for twenty-four (24) consecutive hours.

Sec. 8. This chapter does not prohibit or otherwise limit the flying of other flags at half-staff under a separate gubernatorial proclamation.

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